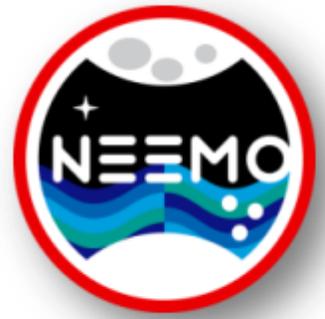


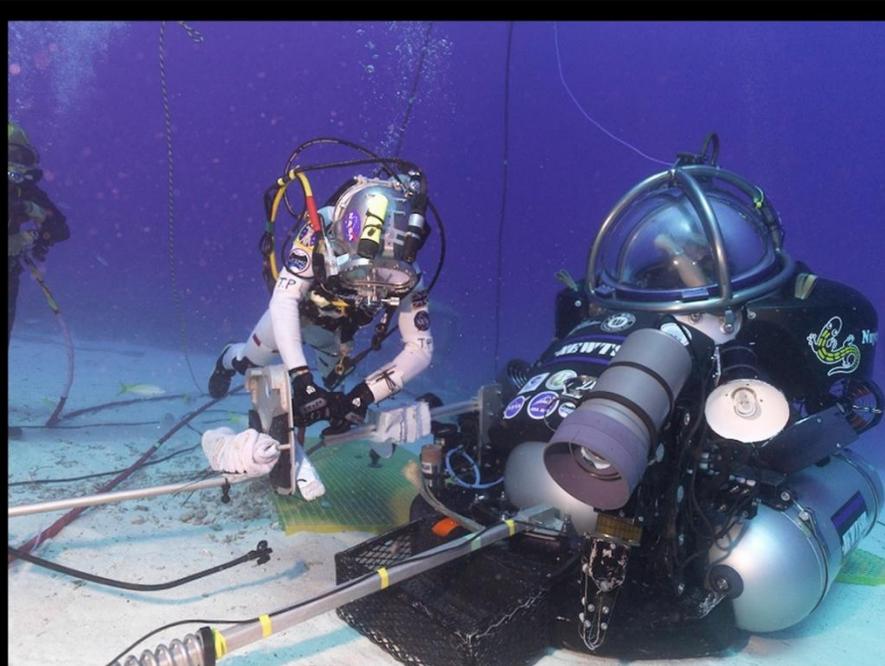
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**Mission Success!!!**

**Splashup!**

The 16<sup>th</sup> NEEMO mission successfully completed this morning with the crew safely returning to shore. The crew is healthy, our exploration and science objectives were completed, and we are another step closer to successfully exploring a Near Earth Asteroid, Mars and beyond.





## Aquarius Reef Base

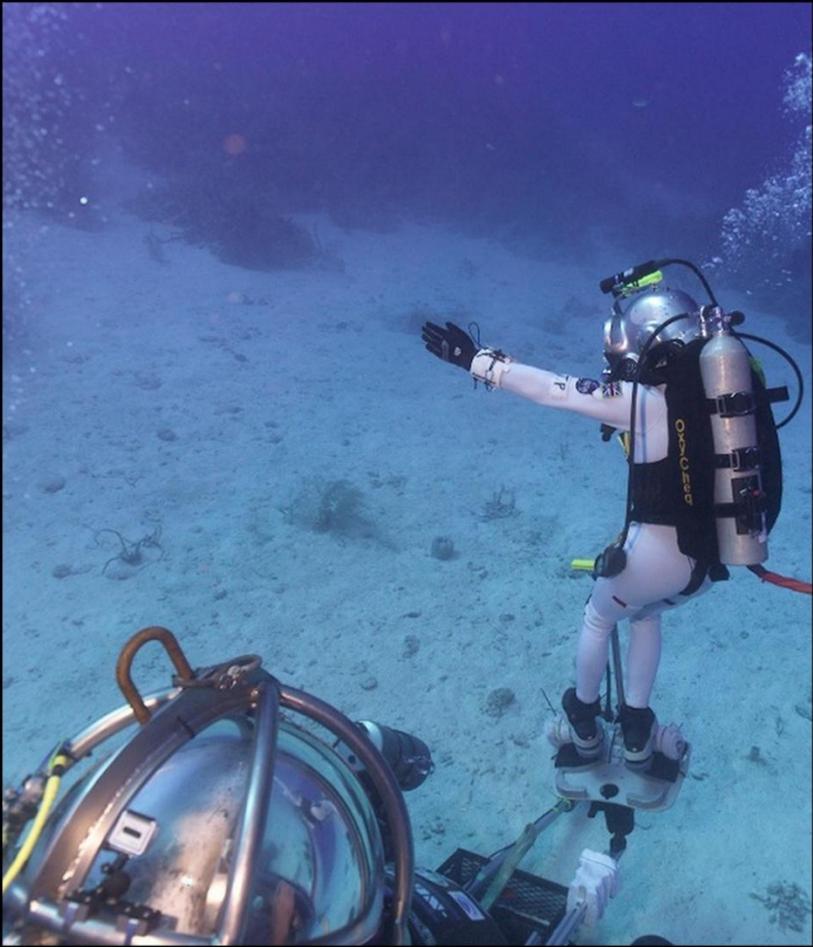
We want to take this opportunity to thank our hosts here at the Aquarius Reef Base. They have helped forge a solid partnership between NASA and NOAA to the benefit of both agencies. Their professionalism and commitment to safety is second to none. They efficiently manage the Aquarius habitat, they keep a close eye on our crew members, and they take great care of our Topside Team and visitors. We also give a special thanks to this mission's habitat technicians, James Talacek and Justin Brown, for teaching our crewmembers how to live as aquanauts.

## Additional Thanks

A big thank you to all the personnel who have supported NEEMO 16 and enabled us to carry out our mission. We have a small team of personnel that do amazing work in a short amount of time, but we could not do this without all the personnel who support us back at the Centers and Headquarters.

Thank you also to our European Space Agency (ESA) and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) partners, who work alongside NASA personnel, helping us to successfully carry out this amazing, valuable mission.





# Crew Return



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